



## Antonelli and Bendsneyder continue to improve in Jerez

Red Bull KTM Ajo riders complete three days of testing at Jerez with positive results and good feeling.

**03/01/2017 - Jerez Circuit, Spain**

Red Bull KTM Ajo's Moto3 outfit enjoyed three days of private testing this week at the Jerez Circuit. Riders Bo Bendsneyder and Niccolò Antonelli continued working on different setups provided for them by KTM, in order to be competitive right from the start of the season. It also marked the first time that the new KTM livery was shown off on track.

Bendsneyder put in 192 laps and Antonelli 155 (849km and 686km, respectively) in a test that ended on Wednesday with completely sunny conditions. Despite there not being official timing, both were happy with the lap times obtained.

Next week, from March 8th-10th, the Red Bull KTM Ajo team will return to Jerez for the first official tests of the preseason, along with the rest of the Moto3 riders and the entire Moto2 grid.

**Aki Ajo - Team Manager:** "It's been three positive days of testing for our young Moto3 riders. Bo [Bendsneyder] and Niccolo [Antonelli] have been able to complete many laps with the new KTM. We started working with them in November and it is always very important to add kilometres, to have more data, especially when there is the possibility of riding many days at a circuit like Jerez. I think it's important to continue working on the same track, because it helps to make the work more stable. I am satisfied with the work done by Bo and Nicco and now it is time to think about next week, when the whole grid will be here."

**#23 Niccolo Antonelli:** "The test went very well; we improved every day, but I think I still have to learn a little more about the bike. We have improved a lot and we have already seen where and how we can improve next week. The team and I are getting along very well and the feeling in the box is perfect; they help me to understand how I can improve and this is something that I had never experienced before. We still have to take another step forward, because now the bike is going very well but I need to make it even better. The objective now is to keep improving. I've adapted my style to the bike slightly, but I must keep putting in kilometres to find the perfect setup. We know the way forward."

**#64 Bo Bendsneyder:** "The three days of testing at Jerez have gone very well. We've put in many laps and in the end it has been a very positive test. The conditions were not the best on the first day, as there was very little grip due to rain over the weekend, but during the course of the three days it was good weather overall and we were able to improve our feeling on the bike. We have tried many new things and we have done very well. Next week we can see where we really are and compare ourselves with the rest of the riders and teams. It will be nice to start fighting against our rivals."

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## Brad Binder and Miguel Oliveira reunited on track at Jerez

Reigning Moto3 World Champion gets back riding KTM bike following left arm injury. Miguel Oliveira remains among the fastest in testing.

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Red Bull KTM Ajo Moto2 riders Brad Binder and Miguel Oliveira were back on track together this week at the Jerez Circuit, enjoying three positive days of testing and debuting the new livery of their 2017 bikes. Binder made his return to action for the first time since injuring his left arm in November in Valencia, and was able to put in further kilometres onboard the KTM Moto2 machine.

Pleasant weather conditions allowed the Red Bull KTM Ajo pair to continue developing the setups for

their new bike. The Portuguese was able to ride at a good pace over the course of his 209 laps, and was once again among the fastest in testing (despite there being no official timing). Oliveira has preferred to continue performing short runs to try out further setup configurations. Binder continued his adaptation to a new class, putting in a total of 156 laps.

Oliveira and Binder will have more track time at Jerez in the first official preseason tests on March 8th, 9th and 10th, along with the rest of the Moto2 grid and all of the Moto3 riders.

**Aki Ajo - Team Manager:** "The most important thing here at Jerez with the Moto2 team has been seeing Brad [Binder] back on the back on the bike, and seeing that he is able to ride even when he still isn't at 100%. He's put in a lot of kilometres and a lot of laps with the Moto2 bike. Miguel [Oliveira] continues to work in a very professional way, and this is very important for the new bike. He has experience in Moto2, which is a boost for developing this new bike. In addition, he has a style with a very steady pace that is very important for improving the bike."

**#41 Brad Binder:** "These three days of testing at Jerez have gone surprisingly well. I've had a good time on the bike again after a time away that has dragged on. The Moto2 bike is completely new for me, so every time I ride in it I learn something. I like it and it helps me to improve more. I look forward to seeing what happens this season, because I think we are going in the right direction. My arm still hurts a little, so we made shorter runs, because there were moments in which it hurt a little. Even so, my recovery is progressing and for the next test I will definitely take a step forward and be much fitter; at least I will have more strength, for sure."

**#44 Miguel Oliveira:** "This test has been very positive. From the first day we found a very good setup, which means that we are working in the right way. During these three days we have tried many things and this has helped us. We decided to continue with short runs in order to try as many things as possible. The weather in Jerez has been quite good and allowed us to complete many laps. Today it was very hot and that wasn't helpful, and there was also a lot more rubber laid down than on the first day and it was a bit slippery, but we were able to work well. We've taken another step forward, so I'm looking forward to seeing where we are next week, with all the other bikes on track."

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